

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 and 16-20 are pending in the application.

Claims 16-20 have been canceled, without prejudice.

I. **INDICATED ALLOWABILITY OF CLAIMS 1-4**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1-4 are allowed.

II. **TRAVERSAL OF ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office Action's characterization that the invention of Claims 16-20 (Invention II) are drawn to "forming a printed circuit board with conductive through holes" and/or "forming conductive through holes to communicate between opposing sides of a printed circuit board." See, Office Action, page 2. However, to further prosecution of this application, Applicants have canceled Claim 16-20.

III. **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) FILED NOVEMBER 18, 2004**

Applicants submitted an IDS on November 18, 2004. Neither the prior office action (mailed 2/14/2005) or the outstanding office action (mailed 4/29/2005) appear to include a copy of PTO Form 1449 showing that the submitted information was considered by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed form with the next office action showing that the information was considered.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request formal allowance of Claims 1-4.

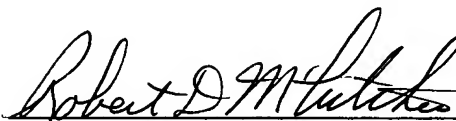
If any issue arises, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *rmccutcheon@davismunck.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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